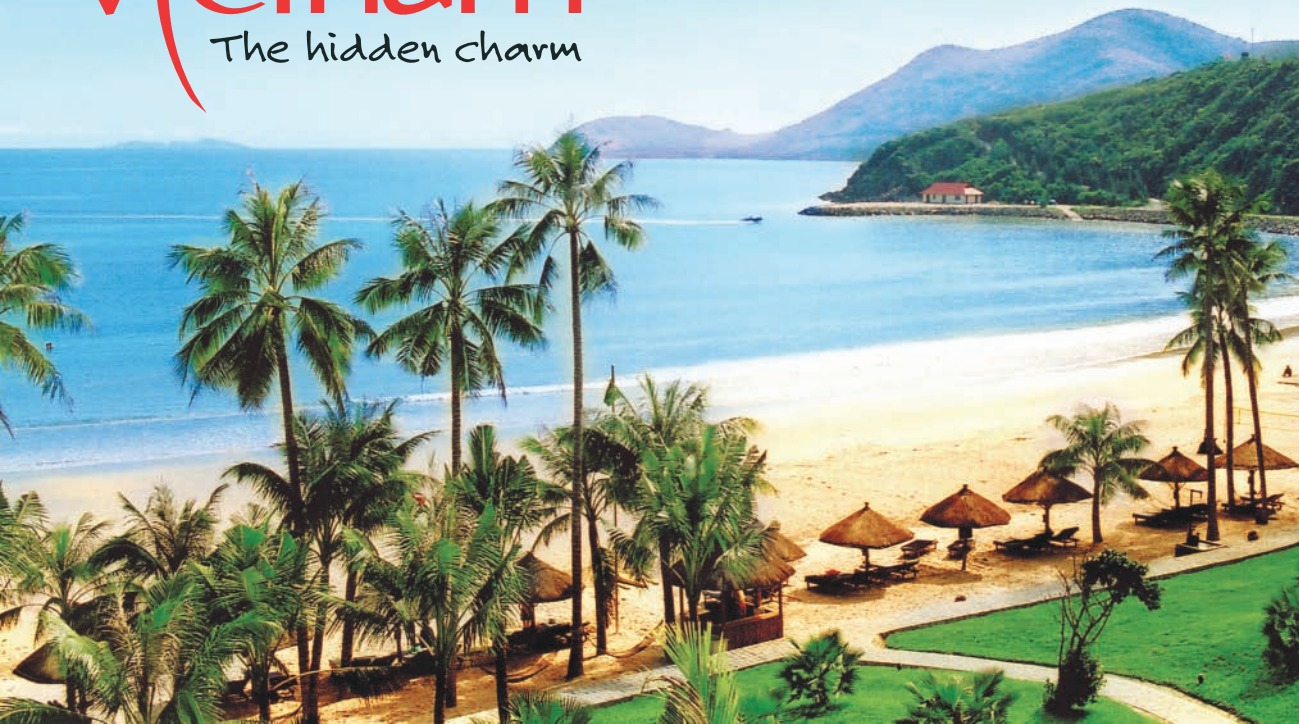




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The hidden charm



Beach tourism in
Vietnam



Viet Nam has long coastline stretching from north to south, dotted with beautiful beaches and natural landscapes. With these favourable conditions, beach tourism is in a position of strength of Viet Nam Tourism.

The over 3,260 kilometre-long coastlines is lined with lovely beaches from Tra Co, the first beach in the north, down through the shores of Bai Chay (Quang Ninh), Do Son, Cat Ba (Hai Phong), Dong Chau (Thai Binh) and Thinh Long (Nam Dinh).

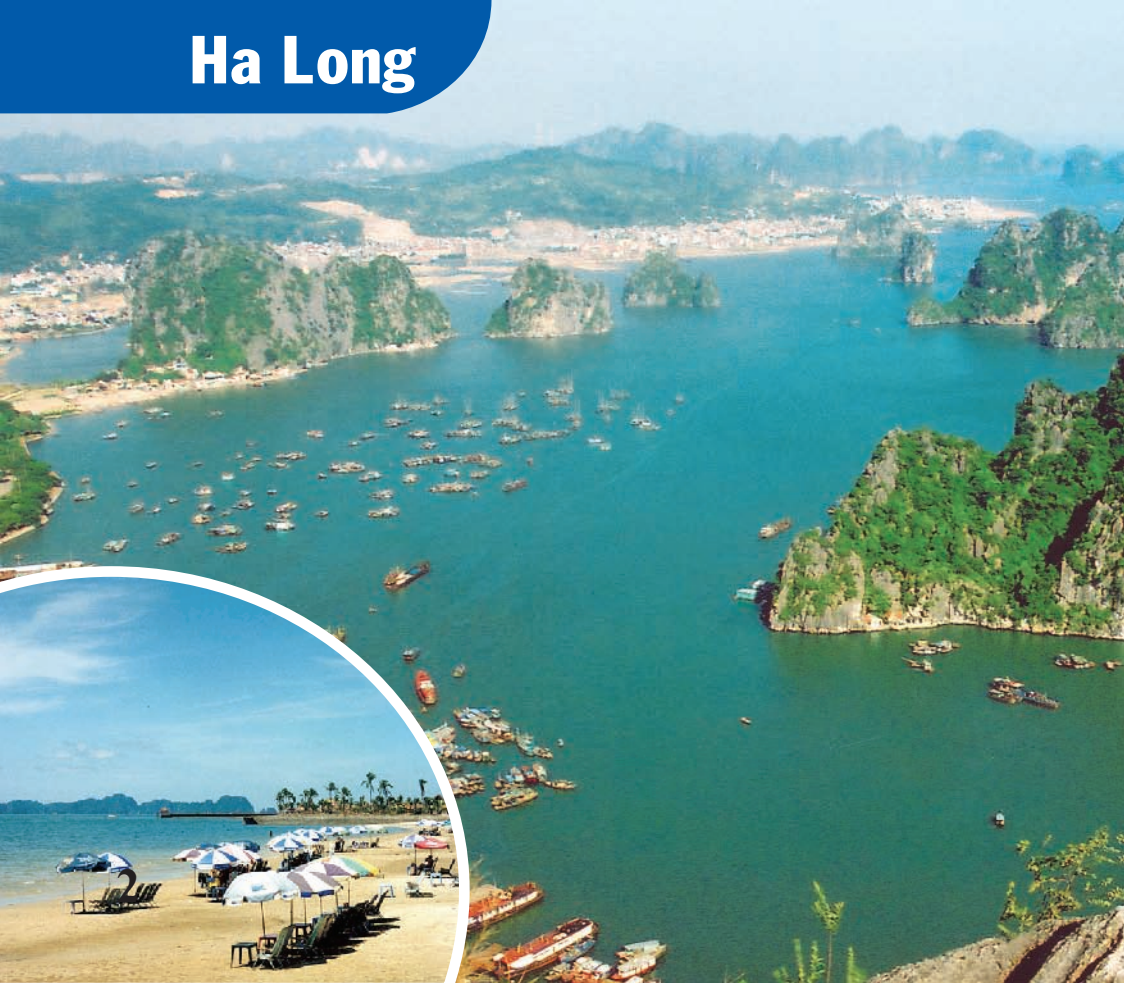
Along the coastline of Central and South Viet Nam lies the beaches of Sam Son (Thanh Hoa), Cua Lo, Dien Chau (Nghe An), Xuan Thanh, Thien Cam (Ha Tinh), Nhat Le (Quang Binh), Cua Tung (Quang Tri), Thuan An, Canh Duong, Lang Co (Thua Thien - Hue), Non Nuoc, Bai Ran, Thanh Binh (Da Nang), Cua Dai, Tam Thanh (Quang Nam), My Khe, Sa Huynh (Quang Ngai), Phuong Mai (Binh Dinh), Dai Lanh, Nha Trang (Khanh Hoa), Ninh Chu, Ca Na (Ninh Thuan), Mui Ne, Doi Duong and Hon Rom (Binh Thuan).

In the Southern coastal area, there are the beaches of Tam Duong, Thuy Van, Nghinh Phong, Dau, Dua, Long Hai (Ba Ria-Vung Tau), Ba Dong (Tra Vinh), Mui Nai, Bai Duong (Ha Tien), Khem, Sao, and Truong (on Phu Quoc Island, Kien Giang).

Many of these beaches are ideal for water sports like windsurfing, boat racing, parasailing, and scuba diving through beautiful coral reefs and colourful schools of fish. Beside, at the coastal area, Viet Nam also boasts numerous islands and archipelagos, such as the wonderful landscape of Phu Quoc, as well as Con Dao with mangrove forest and historic relics.

*T*ra Co, a 17-kilometre-long beach in Quang Ninh, is one of the most beautiful beaches in Viet Nam. It retains a primitive beauty with soft sand banks, rows of casuarinas and mangrove forests. The average temperature at Tra Co is 22.7°C, making the beach perfect for relaxation, water sports, and sightseeing.

Ha Long



Bai Chay Beach lies along the shore of Ha Long Bay in Quang Ninh Province. Bai Chay is dotted with old pine trees, multi-storey restaurants and well-equipped hotels.

Visiting Bai Chay Beach, visitors can swim in clean and clear ocean water, and enjoy the beauty of nearby Ha Long Bay, which was recognized by UNESCO first in 1994 as a World Natural Heritage Site, and again in 2000 for its unique geomorphic value, and now is going to select as one of the wonders of the world.

Visitors to Ha Long Bay admire its unique marvels, and the amazing caves and grottoes that seem to belong to a world of legends. The Tuan Chau Tourism Resort is located nearby Bai Chay.

Cat Ba Island is the largest island of the Cat Ba Archipelago. It is a famous tourist destination, 80 km from the centre of Hai Phong City. The Cat Ba Archipelago consists of 366 islets of varying shapes and sizes. Cat Ba is characterized by beautiful natural scenery, and abundant forest and sea resources. There are numerous beaches on the island that are clean and smooth, with translucent blue water. Cat Ba National Park boasts diversified and rare fauna and flora. In 2004, Cat Ba was recognized as an International Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO. Cat Ba is the perfect place to bath in the sea, relax and recuperate. While in Cat Ba, tourists can also explore primeval forests and unique caves.



Cua Lo

Cua Lo Beach is located 18km from Vinh City, Nghe An Province. It stretches 10km along the coastline, with white sand and clear blue water. Casuarinas line the beach. The temperature in Cua Lo ranges from 18 to 20°C in winter, to 25°C in summer.

Cua Lo has a system of modern services to serve travellers.



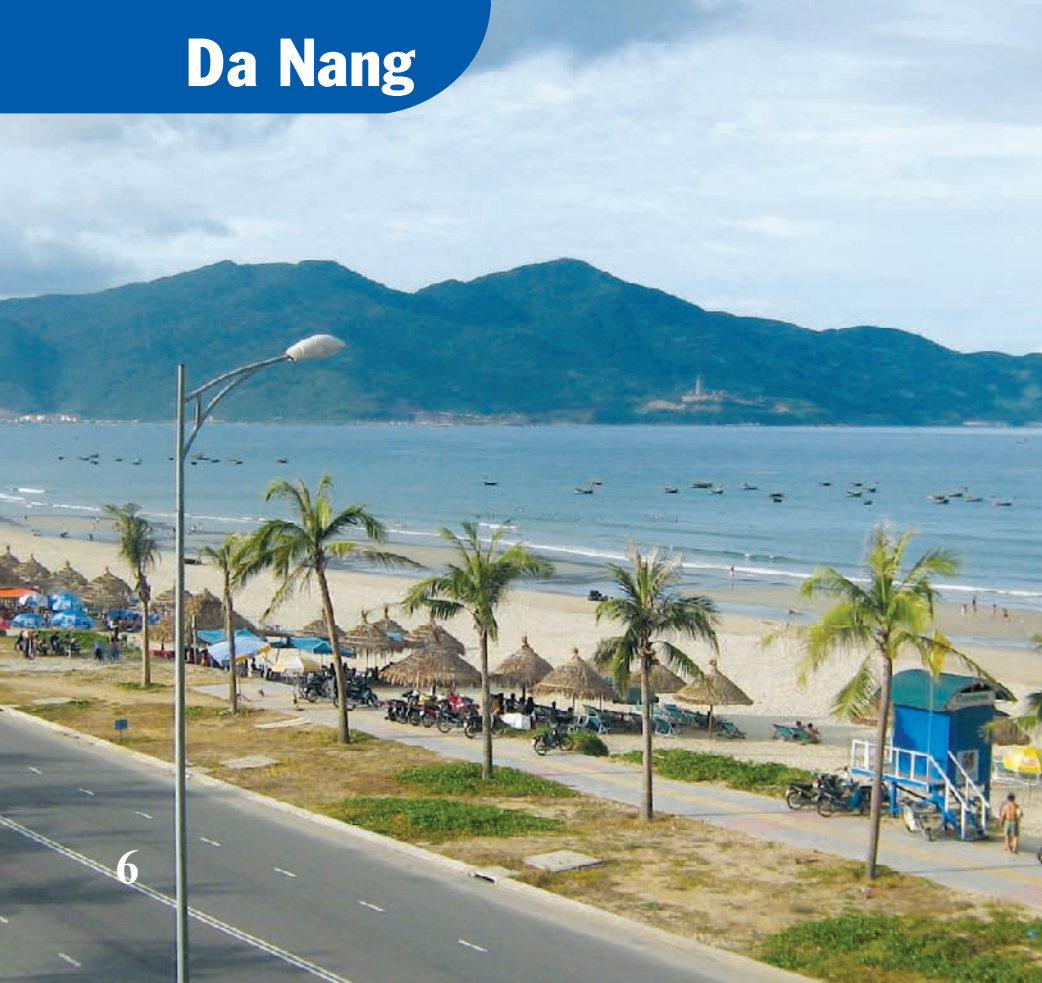
Lang Co

Lang Co Beach is situated in Phu Loc District, 60km from Hue City, (Thua Thien - Hue Province), close to National Highway 1A, the Hai Van Pass and Bach Ma National Park. The beach is 10km long. It is an ideal beach for tourists, with a gentle slope, white sand.

Seafood in Lang Co is diversified and delicious, with shrimp, lobster, crab, butter-fish, mackerel, and oysters to be had. Close to the sea are beautiful landscapes like the Lap An Lagoon, Chan May Cape, and picturesque fishing villages. From Lang Co, visitors can travel to Bach Ma National Park, which contains many species of tropical plants and animals.



Da Nang



Da Nang has a number of beautiful beaches with gentle slopes, smooth and white sand, calm waves, and warm water. The beaches are highly safe and the sea water high salinity. Some parts of the Da Nang coastline feature coral reefs, and abundant plants and creatures both along the coast and under the sea. Da Nang Beach was named one of the six most attractive beaches in the world by Forbes Magazine.

Most of the beaches are close to the city center, making up a coastal tourism complex: Van Village, Nam O, Xuan Thieu, Bai Bac, Nam Tho, My Khe, Son Tra, Bac My An, Non Nuoc, Hoa Cuong, and so on. Visitors to Da Nang can find places to relax, participate in cultural and sporting activities or travel to beautiful spots nearby, like Ngu Hanh Son - Non Nuoc, the caves of Tang Chon, Huyen Vi, Quan Am, the Non Nuoc Fine - Art Stone Carving Village, or the ancient village of Phong Nam.

Located in the Cam An ward of Hoi An Town, Cua Dai Beach is situated 5km east of the old town of Hoi An. Cua Dai is the largest beach in Hoi An, with fine white sand-dunes, emerald water, gentle waves, brilliant sunlight and a breezy beach. Tourists can swim in the clear water, play in the waves, sunbath, rest, or take a stroll along the beach watching the endless waves softly lap against the shore.

Cua Dai is bordered by a marine ecology on one side, with the scenic landscape of the Vietnamese countryside landscape on the other. Looking in the distance from Cua Dai, one can see Cham Island, a marine reserve with ecological and natural charms. Visitors can also enjoy many specialties of Hoi An.



Nha Trang

Nha Trang is one of the most beautiful coastal cities in Viet Nam. The city offers some of the most beautiful beaches. The turquoise waters around Nha Trang are clean and clear. Hon Mun Marine Reserve with 350 species of corals (which occupy 40% of the species of corals over the world) and more than 350 sea ornamental fish.

While in Nha Trang, visitors can visit the famous islands like Hon Tre, Hon Tam, Hon Mun which offer many kinds of water sports such as jet skiing, boating, windsurfing, parachute pulling, adventure diving or climbing Hon Chong Mount. Visitors can also go sea bathing at nice beaches like Doc Let, and Dai Lanh, exploring the wonderful natural landscape of Van Phong Bay which is located 30km north of Nha Trang City.

Nha Trang Bay was admitted as the 29th member of the Club of the Most Beautiful Bays of the World.



Ca Na Beach is located near National Highway 1A, 32km south of Phan Rang - Thap Cham City. The beach is also known as "a sleepy princess" retaining its primitive nature and landscape. Visitors can swim in clean, blue and saline water. The beach also boasts white sandy banks, and view of romantic mountainous scenery. A series of small paths run around straits which create an imposing landscape. The beach offers number of attractions such as climbing and discovering islands, and swimming among colorful coral reefs.



Mui Ne



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Mui Ne is located 22 km from the centre of Phan Thiet City in Binh Thuan Province. Along the road from Phan Thiet to Mui Ne are innumerable sand dunes with rows of coconut trees and clean beaches. The majestic scenery of Mui Ne lies in the moving lines of golden sand, shaped by the wind, appearing from afar as moving waves. The place is suitable for rest and relaxation all year round. Several beaches in Mui Ne retain a pristine beauty and pure atmosphere. Visitors to Mui Ne can bath in the sea, try their hand at water sports, spend an afternoon golfing or go fishing.



ung Tau is one of Viet Nam's great tourist destination with many beautiful beaches situated in the City.

Bai Sau (Thuy Van Beach) stretches along 8km of coastline in the southeast of the city, attracting many visitors.

Bai Truoc (Tam Duong Beach) is located in the centre of Vung Tau. It is clean and beautiful, and is lined with luxurious restaurants.

Nghinh Phong Beach (welcoming wind) is relatively small but clean and distinctive, surrounded by cliffs on three sides.

Dua Beach is located at the foot of Nho Mountain, close to the sites of natural beauty, with gentle waves. The similarly-named Dau Beach typically attracts romantic visitors seeking tranquility.

While in Vung Tau, visitors can visit scenic spots and cultural relics like Bach Dinh, Large Mount, and Small Mount and so on.

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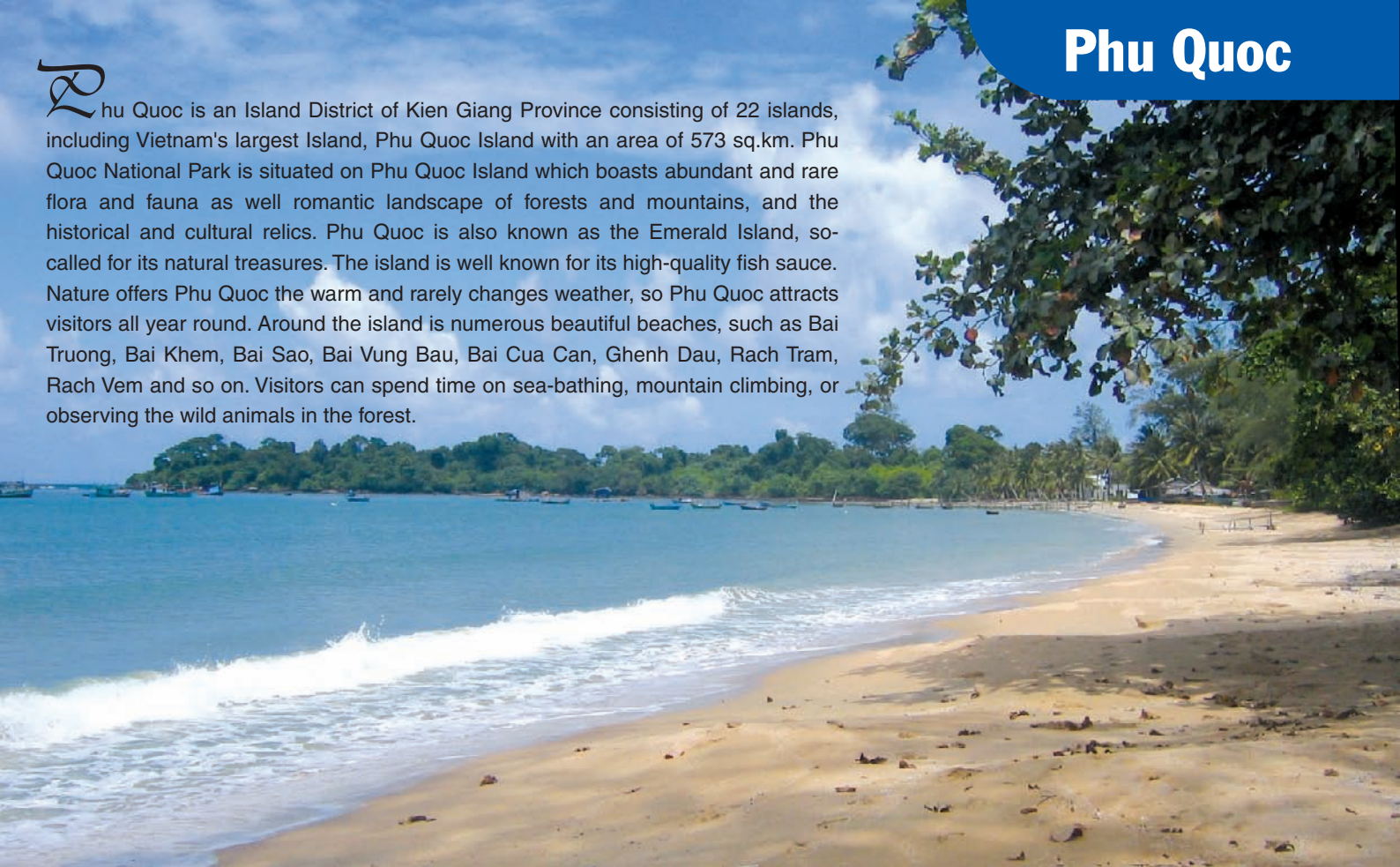
Con Dao



Con Dao Island is the largest island of the Con Son Archipelago, 45 minute- fly from Ho Chi Minh City. Besides its beautiful natural scenery, Con Dao also attracts tourists with its important historical relics, especially Con Dao Prison which was remained more than one hundred years. With the coastline of 200km, it boasts many beautiful beaches and white sandy shores, such as Dam Trau, Hang Duong, and Phi Yen. Beside, Con Dao has around 150 species of corals creating colourful forests under the sea. Especially, Con Dao is home to sea turtles, and rare dugong. The air is clean and the weather generally cool. The average temperature in Con Dao is around 26-27°C. Con Dao has a system of hotels and restaurants that enhance its attractiveness to visitors.

Phu Quoc

Phu Quoc is an Island District of Kien Giang Province consisting of 22 islands, including Vietnam's largest Island, Phu Quoc Island with an area of 573 sq.km. Phu Quoc National Park is situated on Phu Quoc Island which boasts abundant and rare flora and fauna as well romantic landscape of forests and mountains, and the historical and cultural relics. Phu Quoc is also known as the Emerald Island, so-called for its natural treasures. The island is well known for its high-quality fish sauce. Nature offers Phu Quoc the warm and rarely changes weather, so Phu Quoc attracts visitors all year round. Around the island is numerous beautiful beaches, such as Bai Truong, Bai Khem, Bai Sao, Bai Vung Bau, Bai Cua Can, Ghenh Dau, Rach Tram, Rach Vem and so on. Visitors can spend time on sea-bathing, mountain climbing, or observing the wild animals in the forest.





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